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FM AMCONSUL HONG KONG

TO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

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AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

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POSTS FOR RSO, DEPT. FOR SY, FROM KNAUF

E.O. 11653: GDS

TAGS: ADEC, PINS

SUBJECT: JAPANESE RED ARMY ACTIVITY IN EAST ASIA

1. ASN OFFICIAL OF THE JAPANESE FOREIGN OFFICE VISITING HONG KONG INDICATED TO AMERICAN OFFICIALS THAT THE JAPANESE BELIEVE THE EMPEROR'S FORTHCOMING VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE A LOGICAL TIME FOR THE JRA TO PERPETRATE ANOTHER TERRORIST INCIDENT. WHILE THE JAPANESE OFFICIAL SAID THAT JAPANESE DIPLOMATIC INSTALLATIONS WOULD BE AN OBVIOUS TARGET, AND THAT THE US CONSULATE GENERAL IN HONG KONG WAS ALSO A POTENTIAL TARGET, THE JRA IS CAPABLE OF LAUNCHING AN ATTACK IN PRATICALLY ANY PART OF THE WORLD.

2. AFTER THE KUALA LUMPUR EXPERIENCE, THE RSS URGES ALL
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POSTS IN EAST ASIA TO TAKE STRIGENT SECURITY MEASURES

FROM MID-SEPTEMBER THROUGH MID-OCTOBER PERIOD. ALSO EACH POST IN EA SHOULD USE THIS OCCASION TO UNDERTAKE A SERIOUS VIEW OF THEIR DEFENSE POSTURE WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON THE ENTRY POINTS INTO THE CHANCERY BUILDINGS.

3. THE MARINE SECURITY GUARDS AND LOCAL RECEPTIONIST SHOULD BE PLACED IN A DEFENSIVE LOCATION BEHIND A BUILT-IN PROTECTIVE SHIELD. THE RSS BELIEVES THAT ONE OF THE BEST PROTECTIVE MEASURES IS A HIGHLY VISIBLE PROTECTIVE SYSTEM THAT WILL ACT AS A PSYCHOLOGICAL DETERENT TO A RECONNOITERING TEAM AND CONVINCE THE TERRORISTS NOT TO INSTITUTE AN OPERATION AGAINST A U.S. TARGET. IF THE PSYCHOLOGICAL DETERENT IS INEFFECTIVE, THE STRONG PROTECTIVE SYSTEM WILL STILL BE A VALID MEASURE TO PROTECT THE LIVES OF THE PEOPLE IN THE RECEPTION AREAS.

4. RSOS ARE ALSO REQUESTED TO BE ALERT TO THE LESS PROTECTED ANNEXES THAT ARE NOT PROVIDED THE PERMITTER PROTECTION AFFORDED BY MARINES SECURITY GUARDS. THESE VULNERABLE AREAS ARE ATTRACTIVE POINTS OF ATTACK BY THE TERRORISTS AS DEMONSTRATED IN THE KL EXPERIENCE AND THEREFORE SHOULD BE RE-EXAMINED FOR PROTECTIVE PROCEDURES AND WHATEVER PHYSICAL PROTECTION CAN BE INCORPORATED, INCLUDING, IF NECESSARY, THE POSTING OF LOCAL GUARD RECEPTIONIST WHO WOULD CONTROL ENTRANCE AND EXAMINE IN-HAND LUGGAGE.
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